Johnson (HB 721) Act No. 303

<u>Existing law</u>, relative to funding for public school special educational services as provided by local education agencies, provides with respect to three groups of students with exceptionalities:

- (1) For a student located within a local education agency's geographic boundaries, such agency shall pay the cost of such services only if the student is a resident within the agency's geographical boundaries.
- (2) For a student located within a local education agency's geographical boundaries who is not a resident thereof, the cost of special education and services shall be reimbursed by the agency within the boundaries of which the student resides.

<u>New law</u>, relative to (1) and (2) above, additionally includes children who are placed in a private residential facility or an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled for any reason by any individual or agency.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that for a student living in a private residential facility in La. who is not a La. resident, the local education agency providing such education and services is to be reimbursed by the residential facility for the cost of providing those services. <u>Prior law</u>, removed by <u>new law</u>, provided for this same reimbursement for a student living in a private residential facility who is not in the legal or permanent custody of a state agency.

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(Amends R.S. 17:1947(A))